Suratgarh Thennal Project

4494. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any communication from Government of Rajasthan seeking help in starting construction of Second unit of Suratgarh Thennal Project and also requesting that tempo of work of the first unit be maintained;

(b) if so, whether the case has been pursued with Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund for assistance for 1994-95; and

(c) what is the present stage of construction of Suratgarh Thermal Power Project indicating the World Bank assistance given so far and clearance of the Project from environmental point of view and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Rajasthan State Electricity Board has commenced work on the first unit of 250 MW as well as common facilities for Unit 1 & 2 from its own resources. The first unit is expected to be commissioned in June, 1996. The World Bank has not provided any assistance to finance this project. This project has been cleared from environmental angle by the Ministry of Environment *k* Forests.

Power Projects in Private Sector

4495. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received certain proposals for setting up power pi ejects in the private sector from consortia of leading multinationals and Indian corporation as reported in the Hindustan Times dated 4-4-94; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, indicating the formula being applied while bidding for the projects, likely investment and tariff for power to be generated from the new power plants in consultation with State Governments etc. ?

THE MINISTER OF. STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details of the proposals including the names of the projects and the prospective project companies, estimated capital cost and capacity are given in the Annexure. The finalisation of the details of the project like the tariff and selection of the project company are matters which are within the competence of the State Government and the State Electricity Board concerned subject to the notifications and provisions under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1948. [Appendix 170. An-nexure-87]

मध्य प्रदेश में जल-विद्युत उत्पादन

4496. श्री शिव प्रसाद खनपुरिया : क्या विद्युत मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) मध्य प्रदेश में जल विद्युत उत्पादन हेतु किन-किन नदियों का सर्वेक्षण कराया गया है5 और

(ख) क्या मध्य प्रदेश के आदिवासी विकास खंड कुंडम, ढीमरखेड़ा और शाहपुरा से होकर बहने वाले छोटी महानदी के संबंध में जल विद्युत उत्पादन हेतु सर्वेक्षण कराया जाएगा ताकि आदिवासी क्षेत्रों में उद्योगों की स्थापना से आदिवासियों के लिये काम के अवसरों का सृजन किया जा सके और इससे उनके विकास का मार्ग प्रशस्त हो सके तथा उन्हें सूखे की समस्या से सदैव के लिए मुक्ति मिल सके ?

विद्युत मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी० वी० रंगैय्या नायडू) : (क) और (ख) मध्य प्रदेश में जल विद्युत उत्पादन हेतु जिन नदियों का सर्वेक्षण और अन्वेषण करवाया गया है, उनके नाम विवरण-I और II में दिए गए हैं,(नीचे देखिए) वर्तमान में छोटी महानदी का कोई भी सर्वेक्षण नहीं किया जा रहा है । तथापि, मध्य प्रदेश राज्य बिजली बोर्ड ने, छोटी महानदी पर जल विद्युत उत्पादन की संभाव्यता के मूल्यांकन के लिए प्रारंभिक अध्ययनों का प्रस्ताव रखा है ।